

## **DECLARATION OF KATHLEEN MALIA GLYNN**

I, Kathleen Malia Glynn, make the following declaration based on my personal knowledge and declare under the penalty of perjury pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the following is true and correct:

1. I am a practicing attorney licensed to practice before the State of Colorado. My business address is 12596 W. Bayaud Ave., Ste. 390, Lakewood, CO 80228. I have been employed as a Senior Associate Attorney at Grob & Eirich, LLC since February 1, 2015. Prior to joining Grob & Eirich, LLC, I was a staff and managing attorney in the Children's Program at the Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) during the years 2008-2010 and 2011-2014. I am over the age of 18 and am competent to testify regarding the matters described below.
2. I have practiced in immigration law since October of 2007, representing hundreds of noncitizens in removal proceedings before the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) and the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), as well as noncitizens with applications and petitions for immigration benefits or relief filed with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Since 2015, my practice has also included the representation of immigrant children and their caregivers in Colorado state guardianship, custody, and adoption proceedings. My areas of expertise include Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), removal (deportation) defense of children, children's asylum claims, and the intersection of immigration law and adoption.
3. Since 2007, I have represented dozens of noncitizens with final removal orders in removal proceedings pursuant to Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) § 240, 8 U.S.C. § 1229a (Section 240 proceedings).
4. In October 2024, a local non-profit organization approached me about representing, on a *pro bono* basis, the mother of four children in her petition for custody and her motion for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) findings as to her children. After an initial consultation with the mother, I agreed to file her custody petition and SIJS motion as to the younger three children (the fourth, oldest child being too old to benefit). All of the children suffered extreme abuse, neglect, and abandonment from their father. The custody petition and motion for SIJS findings were filed with the Denver County District Court in December 2024. This case remains pending. The mother is set for an initial status conference in May 2025.
5. One of the children included in the custody petition and SIJS motion is Nixon Jose Azuaje Perez. Nixon is a 20-year-old native and citizen of Venezuela.
6. Nixon, his mother, his older brother, and his two younger brothers left Venezuela in May of 2018. Nixon has not lived in Venezuela since May of 2018, when he was thirteen (13) years of age.

7. Nixon resided with his mother and siblings in Peru before entering the United States in August 2023. Nixon and his family members were paroled into the United States after having made an appointment to request asylum through the “CBP One” application. The entire family was placed in removal proceedings.
8. Nixon’s mother filed for asylum on June 25, 2024, with Nixon and his brothers included as derivative beneficiaries. The asylum application expresses and documents the family’s fear of return to Venezuela and to Peru.
9. Nixon and his older brother were arrested in Aurora, Colorado in or around late July 2024, in relation to a shooting at the apartment complex in which they then resided. After the shooting, in which Nixon and his brother deny any involvement, they swept up shell casings outside their apartment door. Nixon and his brother were charged with tampering with evidence. They were released from Adams County jail after paying minimal bonds and placed on ankle monitors. Nixon’s criminal case, as well as his brother’s, remain pending in Adams County District Court.
10. On or around September 6, 2024, Nixon and his brother went to have their ankle monitors adjusted. At that appointment, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents took Nixon and his brother into immigration custody and detained both at the GEO/ICE Aurora Detention Center in Aurora, Colorado. Section 240 removal proceedings continued on the Aurora Immigration Court’s detained docket.
11. From approximately September 6, 2024 until March 11, 2025, Nixon remained detained at the GEO/ICE Detention Center in Aurora, Colorado. Nixon was *pro se* throughout his Section 240 removal proceedings. His family could not afford an immigration attorney, and the local non-profit organization was not successful in locating *pro bono* counsel for him.
12. On February 13, 2025, Nixon was ordered deported by an Immigration Judge at the Aurora Immigration Court. Nixon reported to his mother that the Immigration Judge said something to the effect that “SIJS will take too long.” Nixon, already struggling emotionally with being detained, stated to his mother that he could not wait in detention, and thus chose not to appeal. Because the Immigration Judge designated Venezuela as the country of removal, he assumed that, if removed, it would be to Venezuela.
13. Nixon was moved by ICE from the GEO/ICE Detention Center in Aurora, Colorado to the Rio Grande Processing Center in Laredo, Texas on March 11, 2025. Nixon was able to call his mother to inform her of his transfer.
14. On March 14, 2025, Nixon called his mother and told her that ICE agents said he was going to Mexico. No one has heard from Nixon since that March 14, 2025 call.
15. On March 18, 2025, Nixon’s mother called and texted me asking for help in locating Nixon. On that date, I searched the online ICE Detainee locator. Nixon did not appear.

16. On March 19, 2025, Nixon's mother reached by telephone an ICE official at the local Denver Field Office who confirmed that Nixon was on one of the March 15, 2025 flights to El Salvador.
17. On March 20, 2025, Nixon's name appeared on the list of Venezuelans sent to CECOT in El Salvador as reported by CBS news. *See* <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/venezuelans-deported-el-salvador-names/> (last visited April 7, 2025). I saw Nixon's name on this list on the date of publication.
18. Nixon's mother believes she has seen Nixon on the videos released from CECOT. He is easily distinguished because of his unique hair.
19. Nixon has no criminal history in Venezuela or Peru. His mother has obtained criminal clearance reports from both countries. Nixon's sole contact with law enforcement in the United States is the still pending tampering with evidence charge. He now has an arrest warrant for failing to appear at his March 11, 2025 criminal hearing, a hearing he was unable to attend because, on that date, he was in ICE detention, being moved by ICE from Aurora, Colorado to Texas.
20. Nixon is not, and has never been, a member of Tren de Aragua or any other criminal organization.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed this 8th day of April, 2025 in Lakewood, Colorado, by:



Kathleen M. Glynn